

FARM TRACTOR LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

WITH ELECTRICAL LIGHTING



WITHOUT ELECTRICAL LIGHTING



LIGHTS

On a highway at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavourable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet or less ...

a FARM TRACTOR must carry ...

... if fitted with electrical lighting system, two white or amber lights at the front and one red light at the rear

... if not fitted with electrical lighting system, a lamp or lamps showing a white light to the front, on the left side of the tractor, and a red light to the rear.

Lights or lamps must be clearly visible at a distance of at least 500 feet.

TOWING

A farm implement or wagon towed by a farm tractor must carry a red light at the rear.

If the two vehicles together are longer than 20 feet, lights must be carried showing a green or amber light to each side of the front and a red light to each side at the rear. Reflectors approved by the Ministry may be used instead of these lights.

ONTARIO MTC OPERATORS' LICENCES AND FARM TRACTORS

The driver of a farm tractor is not required to hold a driver's licence under the HTA.

RESTRICTIONS

... A person who is under 16 may drive a farm tractor on a farm or directly ACROSS a highway. He may not drive a farm tractor ALONG a highway.

FARM TRACTOR DRIVERS AND THE CRIMINAL CODE

As a farm tractor is a motor vehicle within the meaning of The Criminal Code, the driving provisions of The Criminal Code apply to the use of farm tractors i.e. breathalyzer law, impaired driving, etc.

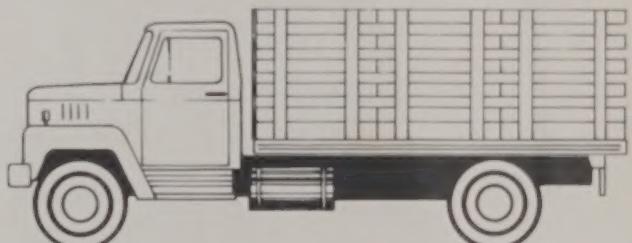
OPERATORS' LICENCES AND OTHER FARM VEHICLES

Under Ontario's new Classified Driver Licensing Regulations,

If you hold a CLASS "G" Licence:

(Class "G" refers to cars, light trucks, etc., up to a registered gross vehicle weight of 18,000 lbs.)

You may drive a CLASS "D" Farm Vehicle ...



(Class "D" refers to vehicles such as stake trucks which exceed 18,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight, provided any towed vehicles are not over 10,000 lbs.)

The new regulation gives the busy farmer more freedom in assigning full or part-time helpers to drive his farm vehicle, e.g. during seeding or harvest time. If he, or they, hold Class "G" licences, the Class "D" farm vehicle may be driven provided it's owned by the farmer, registered and licensed as a "Farm Vehicle", and used for personal transportation or trucking produce or equipment.

Note: Class "D" Farm Vehicles may not be driven by anyone who holds only a Class "L" instruction licence or Class "M" motorcycle licence.



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FARM IMPLEMENTS ON ONTARIO HIGHWAYS



THE ONTARIO HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT (HTA) COVERS FARM VEHICLES

DEFINITIONS

Extracts from definitions given in Section 1 of the HTA

MOTOR VEHICLE . . . does not include . . . farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road-building machine within the meaning of this Act.

TRAILER: means any vehicle that is at any time drawn upon a highway by a motor vehicle except an implement of husbandry.

FARM TRACTOR: means a self-propelled vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing ploughs, mowing machines and other implements of husbandry and not designed or used for carrying a load.

SELF-PROPELLED IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY: means a self-propelled vehicle manufactured, designed, re-designed, converted or reconstructed for a specific use in farming.

VEHICLE: includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road-building machine and ANY vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power including muscular power.

UNDER THE HTA

... Your **FARM TRACTOR** is not a motor vehicle but it is a vehicle

... Your **IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY** are not motor vehicles or trailers but they are vehicles

... Your **FARM WAGON** is a vehicle, not a trailer when drawn by a farm tractor. (It is a trailer when drawn by a truck or other motor vehicle.) All must comply with requirements for vehicles.

REGISTRATION PLATES

are NOT REQUIRED

... for farm tractors

... for farm implements

... for farm wagons if drawn by a farm tractor

are REQUIRED

... for farm wagons if drawn by a motor vehicle

SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SIGN

Every farm tractor and self-propelled implement of husbandry when operated on a highway or any vehicle towed by either of them must have a slow moving vehicle sign attached to the rear, except when directly crossing a highway.

The sign must be mounted base down in a plane perpendicular to the direction of travel of the vehicle and, where practicable, on the rear of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, at the centre of mass of the vehicle or vehicles. It must be no less than two feet or more than six feet above the roadway and it must be clearly visible for a distance of not less than 500 feet.



Maximum Size Limits:	Single Vehicle	Combination of Vehicles
Length	35 feet	65 feet
Width	102 inches	102 inches
Height	13 1/2 feet	13 1/2 feet

OVER-DIMENSIONAL FARM VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Since new regulations came into force on April 1, 1977, the driving or towing of oversized farm vehicles on the roads is governed by the requirements described below and not by the former special permit system.

Definition: "Over-dimensional farm vehicle" means a farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry, implement of husbandry, or any combination of them, having a weight, width, length or height in excess of the limits provided in Part VI or Part VII of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

CHART OF OVER-DIMENSIONAL FARM VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Ontario regulation 196/77 describes the ONLY conditions under which an over-dimensional farm vehicle may be operated on the highway. This chart summarizes those conditions for reference only. The lighting requirements listed below are in addition to those which apply to all farm vehicles described on panel #4. An over-dimensional farm vehicle may:

1. be prohibited from moving on certain highways;
2. require the placement of lights on the over-dimensional farm vehicle;
3. require an escort vehicle to the front and rear.

All over-dimensional farm vehicles (greater than 8'-6" wide)	PROHIBITED from operating on Highways 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 409, 410, 417, 420, 427, 2A, QEW, and KITCHENER-WATERLOO Expressway	
Over 8'-6" wide Up to 12'-6" incl.	DAYTIME — No additional restrictions. NIGHTTIME OR POOR VISIBILITY — 2 flashing amber lights, front and rear.	EXCEPT WHEN DIRECTLY
Over 12'-6" wide Up to 16'-0" incl.	DAYTIME — 2 flashing amber lamps, front and rear, OR rotating amber roof lamp. NIGHTTIME — 2 flashing amber lamps, front and rear, AND EITHER rotating amber roof lamp OR escort vehicles front and rear.	CROSSING THE HIGHWAY
Over 16'-0" wide	DAYTIME — 2 flashing amber lamps, front and rear, OR rotating amber roof lamp. NIGHTTIME — 2 flashing amber lamps, front and rear, AND single rotating amber roof lamp AND escort vehicles, front and rear.	
Escort Vehicles	Must show four-way flashers, OR a single amber rotating roof flasher.	